GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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VOTING BY ELIGIBLE VOTERS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Election Commission proposes to allow eligible voters to cast their votes from other parts of the country through postal ballot in elections at the places where their name is registered in the electoral rolls;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the other steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (c): The Election Commission has stated that section 60 of the RP Act 1951 read with rule 18 of the Conduct of Elections Rules 1961, provides that (i) service voters, (ii) special voters,
(iii) voters on election duty and (iv) electors subjected to preventive detention are entitled to vote by post. As of now, there is no proposal to allow postal ballot facility to general category of electors living in the country.

The Commission has also stated that a person migrating domestically from one part of the country to another, can enroll himself in the new place where he is ordinarily resident and can vote in elections in such place.